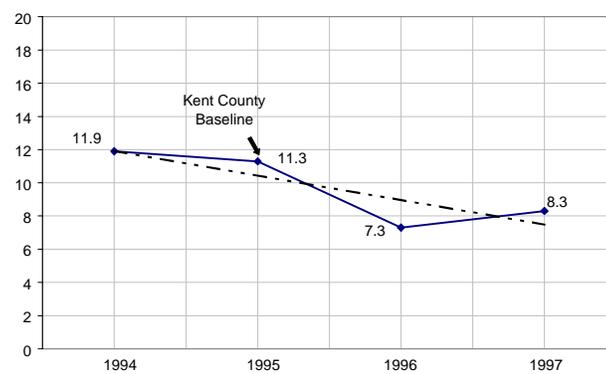


Focus on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections

The Community HealthWatch report cards are developed by the Kent County Health Department to present health information that is being monitored by Healthy Kent 2000, a community health committee dedicated to improving our county's health. This report card focuses on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections. Although reaching these goals may take beyond the Year 2000, efforts are being made today to impact the social, environmental, and behavioral factors that contribute to these problems.

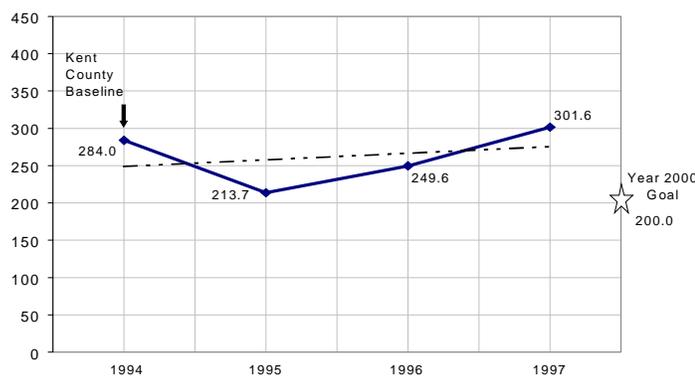
AIDS: New Case Rate



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 —◆— Actual Kent County Case Rate
 ☆ Year 2000 Goal
 All rates reported are cases per 100,000 Kent County residents

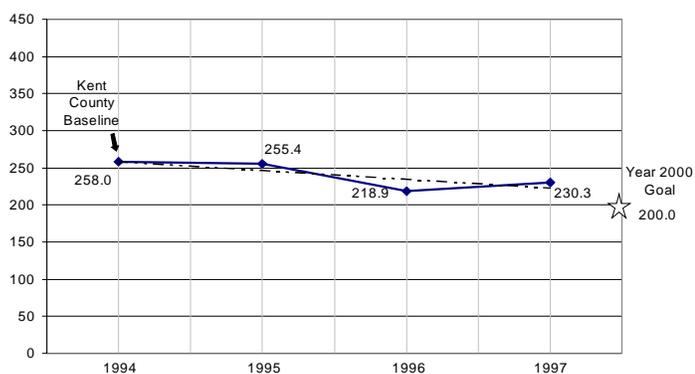
Although the decrease in the new **AIDS** case rate has been attributed to more effective treatment for HIV, there has also been a decline in the number of HIV cases reported. A Year 2000 goal for new AIDS cases was not established because people who will develop AIDS between now and the Year 2000 are likely already infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Chlamydia: New Case Rate



The increase in the new case rate of **Chlamydia** may be partially explained by better reporting of the disease by health care providers, and improved tests that are more sensitive in detecting the disease.

Gonorrhea: New Case Rate



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that a variety of national indicators suggest that decreases in the rate of new cases of **Gonorrhea** that were observed in preceding years may be leveling off.